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**From:** Griffin, Stephanie [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8A13972C00574B1E8E84DA5B1F1528AD-GRIFFIN, ST]  
**Sent:** 5/10/2021 2:34:18 PM  
**To:** Blobaum, Sam [Blobaum.Sam@epa.gov]; Dunton, Cheryl [Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release  
**Attachments:** Copy 4-27-21 EO 12866 Interagency Followup comments TSCA Section 8a PFAS NPRM FRN RIN 2070-AK67.docx

Hi Sam,

See attached copy of the NPRM. At this point, any future edits to the FRN would be wordsmithing; we wouldn't be changing anything substantive. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of responses to comments are still in DGAD/OPPT management review, and I'll keep you in the loop with any status updates.

Thanks!

Steph

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**From:** Blobaum, Sam <Blobaum.Sam@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2021 8:41 AM  
**To:** Griffin, Stephanie <griffin.stephanie@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release

Got it! Would you mind sending me that updated FRN, Stephanie? I'll use that to finish up the webpages and then send the full package to Dave Turk, Larry and David Widawsky.

If we are looking at a Memorial Day release, I think it would be great to have their feedback by Wednesday or Thursday.

Thanks,  
Sam

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**From:** Griffin, Stephanie <griffin.stephanie@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 2:50 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release

I haven't heard that timing update, but Angela likely knows something I don't regarding OMB's decisions and timing. I thought we were still operating under the expectation of publishing in early/mid June, though that's also not far off, so we should move to finalizing the comms regardless.

I don't have any other changes/additions to the press release or backpocket Qs at this time. Please let me know if you need any other info from me.

Steph

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**From:** Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release

I heard from Angela today that this could go out before Memorial Day (??). If that's true, we need to start wrapping up the comms so I can review them and move them up the chain. Thanks.

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**From:** Blobaum, Sam <Blobaum.Sam@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release

Stephanie,

Thanks so much for your help! Looking at your comments, **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On your second comment, if there are specific items about which we are soliciting comments, I think we can mention that here.

I have transferred your initial backpocket Q&As to the attached document. We can add to it as we get closer to the rule.

Thanks!  
Sam

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**From:** Griffin, Stephanie <[griffin.stephanie@epa.gov](mailto:griffin.stephanie@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release

Hi Sam,

While we're still in OMB review for the 8a7 PFAS proposed rule, I did make a few edits/comments to the draft press release. As a timing update, OMB review should end at the end of May, and we're expected to publish in early/mid June. We just received OMB's 2<sup>nd</sup> round of comments, and I think we have a good idea of what's likely to be published.

I've started with a list of potential back pocket Qs that may be needed, based on what I'm expecting will be published.

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Please feel free to reach out with any questions you have on the above – I'm happy to have a call if that's easier, as well. I'll also keep you in the loop with publication status updates and any additional backpocket qs that arise.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** For Review: TSCA 8a PFAS Press Release

Stephanie,

Please find attached our draft press release for the TSCA 8a PFAS data gathering announcement for your review. Do you have a sense of when we might be releasing this?

Also, are there any back pocket questions we should be prepared to answer? Anything people might be upset about/critical about that we'll need to address? For example, will people say we're not being inclusive of enough PFAS or that there's too much burden on companies? Any litigation concerns?

Thank you,

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